



*Modifications to Meaningful Use Stage 2 in 2015 through 2017
2016 Kentucky Public Health Guidance*

Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals/Critical Access Hospitals (EH/CAHs) who wish to submit electronic immunization, syndromic surveillance, laboratory results, and cancer cases (specialized registry reporting) in Kentucky must do so through the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE). KHIE is the public health authority for meaningful use (MU) reporting in Kentucky.

KHIE provides support for the following MU Public Health Reporting measures:

Measure Number and Name	Measure Specification	Maximum times measure can count towards the objective	How KHIE can facilitate	Considerations
Measure 1 – Immunization Registry Reporting	The EP, EH, or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data.	1	Capability to submit to the Kentucky Immunization Registry.	Any EP or EH/CAH that administers <u>any type of immunization</u> (influenza, pneumococcal, HPV, chickenpox, shingles, etc.) during the EHR reporting period, can submit to the immunization registry.
Measure 2 – Syndromic Surveillance Reporting	The EP, EH, or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit syndromic surveillance data.	1	Capability to submit electronic syndromic surveillance data to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Program, BioSense 2.0.	In Kentucky, all EPs or EH/CAHs collect Syndromic Surveillance data; therefore, <u>this option is available to all providers</u>
Measure 3 – Specialized Registry Reporting	The EP, EH, or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit to a specialized registry.	2 for EP, 3 for EH/CAH	Capability to submit cancer cases to the Kentucky Cancer Registry.	Any EP that diagnoses and/or treats cancer patients is eligible to submit to the Kentucky Cancer Registry through KHIE for specialized registry reporting.
Measure 4 – Electronic Reportable Laboratory (ELR) Results Reporting	The EH or CAH is in active engagement with a public health agency to submit ELR results.	N/A for EP, 1 for EH/CAH	Capability to submit electronic data on reportable lab results to the Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH).	Kentucky recently adopted legislation, 902 KAR 2:020, requiring laboratory results to be reported electronically to KHIE.



Public Health Reporting Requirements

An EP scheduled to be in Stage 2 in 2015 must meet 2 public health measures out of the 3 available. If an EP is scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015, the EP can choose to meet 1 measure. All EPs will be required to meet 2 measures in 2016 and 2017.

EHs and CAHs scheduled to be in Stage 2 in 2015 must meet 3 public health measures out of the 4 available. An EH or CAH scheduled to be in Stage 1 in 2015 can choose to meet 2 measures. All EHs and CAHs must meet at least 3 measures in 2016 and 2017.

EHR Incentive Program participants that claim an exclusion for public health reporting are responsible for ensuring they meet the qualifications and retain any documentation that fully supports their attestation choice.

Attestation Guidance

This guidance is applicable only for the public health measures that are reported through KHIE. All EPs, EHs, and CAHs who attest to any of the public health measures supported through (or by) KHIE must have a signed Participation Agreement and signed addendum(s) on file with KHIE for each public health measure selected for attestation. The agreements and their associated addenda must be signed by all providers within 60 days of the beginning of the EHR reporting period, for the public health measures providers attest to. The addendums include: Immunization Registry Authorization, Syndromic Surveillance Authorization, Kentucky Cancer Registry Authorization (specialized registry reporting) and Disease Surveillance Authorization (electronic laboratory reporting).

Providers who choose to submit to additional registries, outside of those listed above through KHIE, must do so through specialized registries. If you select a specialized registry, you are responsible for obtaining any documentation to support your attestation. Information is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/ehrmeaningfuluse/> to learn more information.

All providers that wish to submit public health data through KHIE must demonstrate active engagement with KHIE. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), defines *active engagement* as the following:

- Option 1: Completed Registration to Submit Data:
 - a. Must be completed within 60 days of the beginning of the EHR reporting period.
- Option 2: Testing and Validation
 - a. Providers must respond to requests within 30 days; failure to respond twice within an EHR reporting period would result in that provider not meeting the measure.
- Option 3: Production



The signed legal agreement(s) represent your registration to submit electronic data with the state of Kentucky and are a requirement to attest, regardless of your status of active engagement.

Option 1 of active engagement: Completed Registration to Submit Data

Providers who have signed participation agreements and relevant addendums for each public health measure who will utilize KHIE must select YES to the public health reporting measure and upload their signed legal agreements to the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website.

Your signed legal agreements replace any MU Confirmation form that you may have received in the past that stated that you were awaiting an invitation to test from KHIE.

Documents needed to upload to the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website
<https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>:

- Signed legal agreements (participation agreement and addendum)

Option 2 of active engagement: Testing and Validation

Providers who are testing and validating data and are in process for onboarding with KHIE, must select YES to the public health reporting measure and upload a MU Confirmation form, (this indicates you are in testing and validation with KHIE), to the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website. In order to select option 2, providers must be connected to KHIE and currently in process of testing and validating on one or more data feeds. If you are currently working with KHIE, your vendor is connected and KHIE is actively testing and validating, then you can select option 2. If at least one HL7 message has been transmitted to KHIE via the interface that corresponds to the public health measure that you selected, you are considered in option 2.

Providers who are connected to KHIE and are actively testing one or more public health interfaces will receive a Meaningful Use Confirmation form.

Documents needed to upload to the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website
<https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>:

- Meaningful Use Confirmation form that indicates you are in testing and validation with KHIE

Option 3 of active engagement: Production

Providers who are LIVE with KHIE and sending production data, must select YES to the public health reporting measure and upload the Go-Live Approval form to the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website as proof for status. The form itself indicates the type of feed (immunization, syndromic surveillance, cancer (specialized registry) and electronic reportable diseases) that is live with production data. If you attest to more than one public health measure, and the data feeds go live on different dates, you will receive more than one Go-Live approval form from KHIE.



Documents needed to upload to the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation website
<https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/KYSLR/Login.aspx>:

- KHIE Go-Live Approval form

Final Comments

Those that select YES to any of the three options of active engagement should not claim any exclusions associated with the measure. Program participants that claim an exclusion for public health reporting are responsible for ensuring they meet the qualifications and retain any documentation that fully supports their attestation choice.

For additional Meaningful Use guidance, please refer to the CMS <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html?redirect=/EHRIncentivePrograms> or the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/ehr.htm>.